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DRAFT REPORT

I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) held its organizational session at United Nations Headquarters from 3 to 5 March 1993. The Committee held ... meetings and a number of informal meetings.

2. The session was opened by the representative of the Secretary-General, who made an introductory statement.

B. Attendance

3. The following States were represented: Algeria, Australia, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Barbados, Belarus, Botswana, Canada, Colombia, Congo, Cuba, Cyprus, Denmark, Egypt, Finland, Germany, Guinea-Bissau, Holy See, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Lebanon, Liechtenstein, Maldives, Mali, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Morocco, Myanmar, Netherlands, Nicaragua, Norway, Oman, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Senegal, Singapore, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Viet Nam and Zimbabwe.

4. The United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Environment Programme, the Economic Commission for Africa, the Economic Commission for Europe, the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific and the World Food Programme were represented.

5. The following specialized agencies were represented: the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the World Bank.

6. The following intergovernmental organizations were represented: the European Community, the Organization of African Unity and the Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee.

7. A representative of the Pan Africanist Congress of South Africa attended the session.

8. The following non-governmental organizations attended the session:

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C. Election of officers

9. At its 1st meeting, on 3 March 1993, the Preparatory Committee elected Mr. Robert Lloyd Wenman (Canada) Chairman of the Committee by acclamation.

10. At the same meeting, the Preparatory Committee also elected by acclamation Ms. Pamela Mboya (Kenya), Dr. Stanley Kalpagé (Sri Lanka) and Mr. Hassan Aziz ogly Hassanov (Azerbaijan) as Vice-Chairman. In accordance with General Assembly resolution 47/180 of 22 December 1992, Turkey became an ex officio member of the Bureau of the Preparatory Committee.

11. At its 2nd meeting, on 3 March, the Preparatory Committee elected by acclamation Ms. Marjorie Ulloa (Ecuador) as Rapporteur.

12. In a brief statement following his election, the Chairman identified the objective of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) as being to formulate a global plan of action to address the issue of the continuing deterioration in the living conditions of a vast segment of population in many countries - an undertaking in which national governments, local authorities, non-governmental organizations, the private sector and particularly the United Nations would be major actors. Expressing the hope that the Conference would be as successful as the first Habitat: United Nations Conference on Human Settlements in 1976, the Chairman observed that the output of the Conference would contribute to the objective of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development of achieving a sustainable development process world wide.

D. Adoption of the agenda

13. The Preparatory Committee considered its agenda and the organization of work at its 1st meeting, on 3 March. The provisional agenda, as adopted, was as follows:

1. Election of officers.

2. Adoption of the agenda.

3. Preparations for the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II).

4. Arrangements for future sessions of the Preparatory Committee.

5. Provisional agenda for the first session of the Preparatory Committee.

E. Adoption of the report

14. The Preparatory Committee adopted the present report at its ... meeting, on 5 March 1993.

II. PREPARATIONS FOR THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS (HABITAT II)

15. The Preparatory Committee considered agenda items 3 and 4 at its 2nd to 5th meetings, from 3 to 5 March. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General containing recommendations on the substantive issues in the preparatory process for the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) (A/CONF.165/PC/2).

16. The Preparatory Committee began its consideration of the report of the Secretary-General at its 2nd meeting, on 3 March, following an introductory statement by the representative of the Secretariat. Statements were made by the representatives of Colombia (on behalf of the Group of 77), the representative of Denmark (on behalf of the European Community and its member States), the representatives of Finland, Norway, Sweden, the United States of America, Japan, Sri Lanka, Algeria and Turkey. The representative of the World Bank also made a statement.

17. At the 3rd meeting of the Preparatory Committee, on 4 March, statements were made by the representatives of Colombia on behalf of the Group of 77, the Russian Federation, China, a representative of the Secretariat, and the representatives of Denmark (on behalf of the European Community and its member States), Benin, Peru, Tunisia, Egypt and Algeria.

18. At the 4th meeting of the Preparatory Committee, on 4 March, statements were made by the representatives of Colombia, Denmark, the Philippines, Kenya, China, Tunisia, India, Sweden, the United States, Japan, Finland and Pakistan.

19. Chairman's summation. In his summation of the discussion of items 3 and 4, the Chairman made reference to the following substantive areas for attention in the continuing preparatory work for the Conference: implementation and review of the Global Strategy for Shelter to the Year 2000 and human settlements-related parts of Agenda 21, including technology issues; eradication of poverty - urban and rural poverty issues and human settlements; a comprehensive plan of action based on capacity-building and the enabling approach; housing policies and financing - regulatory regimes for housing, building and land-use management and the role of the private sector; promoting investment as a contribution to economic growth, employment and improvement of the quality of life; economic and spatial policies and development strategies for rural and urban settlements, their sustainable interaction and linkages and interdependence; and the contribution of cities to global sustainable development and the institutional framework and mechanisms needed to implement and develop sustainable urban strategies.

A. Arrangements for future sessions of the Preparatory Committee

20. At its 5th meeting, on 5 March, the Preparatory Committee decided that its first substantive session would be held from ... to ... 1994 in ...

B. Provisional agenda for the first session of the Preparatory Committee

21. At its 5th meeting, on 5 March, the Preparatory Committee adopted the provisional agenda for its first substantive session:

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III. ACTION BY THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE

Decisions

[to be inserted]

ANNEX

Documents before the Preparatory Committee at its organizational session

Symbol	Title and description
A/CONF.165/PC/1	Annotated provisional agenda
A/CONF.165/PC/2	Report of the Secretary-General containing recommendations on the substantive issues in the preparatory process for the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II)
A/CONF.165/PC/CRP.1	Main points to be addressed by the session: Note by the Secretariat.